Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to look into the necessary papers and supply me with an answer to Sub-division (d)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Papers are not unfortunately here. They can be looked into later on.

D. P. D. Dis. 635—1107.

137. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 277 of the Budget Session of 1107 Karkadagam:—

(a) (1) in what connection was the subject-matter of the interpellation in sub-division (d), viz., the 4th paper read in D. P. D. Dis. 635—1107, before the Government and (2) has the same been disposed of;

(b) can the said paper viz., Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's correspondence ending with letter C. No. 278—1107 be now placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 1. In connection with a petition submitted by Messrs. S. K. Rowther and Brothers of Palghat;

2. Yes.

(b) Government regret they cannot publish the report of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. His recommendation was to open a Government market.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated in sub-division (b) that his recommendation was to open a Government market. In the subsequent question it is stated that the proposal was dropped. It was just now stated that Dr. Rao's report was that it will be a prosperous market. May I know why the proposition was dropped by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The idea was that the proposal could be worked only if the other market is somehow or other controlled. There is no provision by which we can in any way take away the license of the market about which the Hon'ble Member has been putting questions. It is very doubtful whether any other new market will thrive there.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not on the ground of license issued by the Government that the other market referred to is being run?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is true. There is no provision by which the license could be refused unless there is specific causes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is stated in answer to sub-division (b) that Government regret they cannot publish the report of the

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Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. Is it such a very confidential document or a State secret?

President.—It is not a supplementary question.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is it a confidential correspondence?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is there.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I put the question to draw the pointed attention of the Government to the way how questions are answered. This silly correspondence about a petty merchant is considered to be a State secret!

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It contains several points about which it was thought not desirable to give publicity.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Clause (a) 2. My question was 'Has the same been disposed of' and the answer is 'yes'. May I know how that was disposed of?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The proposal of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer was dropped. It was disposed of in this sense that on the same day another market cannot be allowed to be opened within a radius of 7 miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there such an order of the Diwan that within a radius of 7 miles another market should not be opened?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think there is an order. I think the order was, 'No alteration from the present condition is called for'.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any law expressly stating that no market should be opened within 7 miles radius?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The whole question was considered after hearing both the parties and coming to a judicial decision as it is.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any law formulating that no other market should be opened within 7 miles radius?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't know whether there is any law in our State or whether it was copied from outside.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Was it given publicity?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It does not require any publicity. Law by itself is a public document. No further publicity is necessary.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Has the Government taken legal opinion in this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The parties' vakils themselves were heard.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to take expert legal opinion in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will note the suggestion.

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